"Bring out her best is an essential ingredient in everything we do, from fostering creativity and innovation, to strengthening self-esteem, resilience and levels of responsibility. As a result, Strathcona is today one of Melbourne’s leading girls’ schools. The seven goals that comprise our five year strategy will enable us to strengthen our position as the school for families who want their daughter to reach her full potential."

- Helen Hughes, Principal.
**goal 1:** to deliver a future-focussed, innovative and challenging curriculum

Rewarding careers require a suite of skills that stretch beyond academic excellence. Our aim is to prepare students for life – to equip them with transferable skills that help them adapt to a changing world through independence and initiative. Over the next five years, new programs will be introduced to stimulate and foster creativity, encourage transfer of skills and develop powerful thinking capacity. These programs will be delivered by our dynamic and specially trained staff, incorporating the latest technologies. Ultimately, it’s vital that each student is learning at a personally appropriate rate, enjoying an inclusive and rewarding curriculum.

**goal 2:** to enhance co-curricular participation and achievement

*Bring out her best* comes to life through our culture of involvement. Students are provided with a broad range of co-curricular activities in the arts and sport to provide them with every opportunity to develop their talents and interests. A great education is about building character as well as intellect. Our students are able to learn, experience and demonstrate integrity, teamwork and commitment. Our extensive outdoor education program exposes them to new and challenging contexts. As we move forward, we will further develop strategic programs, targeted coaching and a coordinated approach to participation. As always, we will continue to encourage our girls to confidently follow the path of their choosing towards a positive, balanced and satisfying life.
goal 3: to build on our success and tradition of strong pastoral care

Pastoral care at Strathcona nurtures each member of the School community promoting physical, social, intellectual, emotional and spiritual growth. This is a most important goal for us – to further develop a culture which encourages and expects all students and members of staff to respect the rights and values of others and to be caring, responsible and contributing members of the School and wider community. This is particularly relevant as the world becomes increasingly interconnected through technology. We need to ensure that our girls become responsible, ethical ‘digital’ citizens, respecting the rights and feelings of others. We will continue to provide support to staff in pastoral roles ensuring that every student is known and understands that she can succeed.

goal 4: to further develop valuable school, local and global partnerships

Strathcona is enriched by relationships beyond the School both locally and internationally. It’s our intention to expand our global network. Through exchanges, tours, hosting and social service activities, we’ll help our students to become world citizens and provide opportunities to build greater inter-cultural understanding. We will continue to share our facilities and programs to support local organisations and schools.
goal 5: to continue to attract and develop the best staff

To maintain the best standards of practice amongst our staff and ensure the highest levels of professionalism, we’re committed to continuing and broadening professional development opportunities and mentoring. Excellent physical working conditions, the provision of the latest technologies and the potential to take on leadership positions will also retain Strathcona’s position as a first choice for premium staff.

goal 6: to ensure continued sound governance of Strathcona

The Board is committed to good governance encompassing robust management of finances and risk, and compliance with relevant legislation. This enables the School to plan for and provide high quality resources and facilities for the benefit of students and staff.

goal 7: to maintain optimal enrolment at all year levels

The Board is committed to maintaining the School at the current size to preserve our culture and capacity to cater for the needs of each student.

Optimal enrolments underpin the financial capacity of the School to enhance programs and facilities and deliver our five year strategy.
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